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FIRE PROTECTION IS NOT ADEQUATE

SAYS SUPT. FRETTER AND WATER BOARD

Urges Erection of Another Stand Pipe to Meet Requirements of Underwriters—Way to Finance It Pointed Out.

The matter of adequate fire protection for Medina formed the subject of discussion before the Kiwanis club last Friday, the present conditions and needs being cogently set forth by Supt. Albert Fretter of the water works, E. R. Root, president and W. C. Smith, treasurer, of the water board.

The discussion brought out the fact that the adequacy of the local system falls appreciably short of the standard set by underwriters for a village the size of Medina.

For instance, the amount of water considered by underwriters as adequate fire protection for Medina or other villages of similar size is 2,800,000 gallons per 24 hours. The amount at present available is 555,000 gallons, from pumpage, and 25,000 from storage; a total of 580,000 per day.

As to the remedies for this situation, it was suggested; first, and most important, that there be provided an elevated storage of an amount sufficiently large to insure a volume of water as large as can be handled by the present distributing system for a period of at least 12 hours, for fire, and also provide for the normal consumption. This, said Supt. Fretter, could be accomplished by the introduction of an elevated storage of approximately 650,000 gallons.

An advantage to be gained by the introduction of this storage would be the considerable amount of water allowed for fire protection, as well as the maintenance of the normal consumption for some time in case of the failure of the gas which furnishes the power. The importance of this was shown by the danger of breakage of the main between the storage and plant, or the breaking of the pumping machinery, if put to the supreme test of combating a fire of great magnitude.

Another advantage stated by Mr. Fretter was that by proper placing of the new storage, the distribution would be fed from two ways, the effect at any one point being practically the same as doubling the size of the present mains.

In this connection Mr. Fretter stated that on account of the large consumption of water at the Root factory and the foundry, the pressure is so low at times that it is with difficulty that these concerns get the amount of water necessary to keep their production up to normal.

Also when the A. C. & Y. railroad is making large demands on the system for filling their engines, it is impossible for some of the consumers residing in the south part of the village to get water on their upper floors.

Another feature of the situation which was emphasized was the corrosion of the metal in the walls of the present stand-pipe, caused by the fluctuation of the water. Oxygen in the form of gas and in the presence of watery vapor is the worst enemy of anything made of iron, Mr. Fretter pointed out, thus when the water falls to a lower level, the walls are exposed to the attacks of this element under the most favorable conditions for its destruction, and are confined to the uppermost part of the pipe where the required strength is the least.

Mr. Smith stated that the local water plant is self-sustaining, the rentals paying the entire cost of maintenance and outstanding indebtedness, but would not take care of the erection of another stand-pipe. He gave as his belief, however, that if a tax was placed upon those who at present enjoy fire protection but who are not renters, the proposed new stand-pipe could be financed and the village provided thereby with adequate means of coping with any fire situation that may arise, as well as meeting the requirements of the underwriters.

MEDINA DWELLING WAS BADLY BURNED

The dwelling of John Tanner, known as the old Randall homestead, a half mile north of town, came nearly being destroyed by fire about 3 o'clock last Monday afternoon.

Just how the fire started is not known. Mr. Tanner accidentally discovered smoke issuing from the roof of the house at the intersection of the south wing as he left his barn to go to the house. He believes the fire had been burning some time before discovered, as flames soon burst thru from underneath the slate shingles. Mr. Tanner says there was no fire in the house except in the gas furnace and that that was turned rather low.

The fire department made good time in arriving at the Tanner home and were able to save the building, and with considerable difficulty because of the start the fire had gained and for the fact that for the most part the fire was between the walls and plastering and above the ceiling. The building was insured for \$3500. The contents had been removed before the arrival of the fire department.



THE LATE "BILLY" RICKARD

Snapshot kodak picture taken in front of his residence, 257 Broadway, two years ago.

NOTED HYMN WRITER

WELL KNOWN IN MEDINA

Was Author of "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

The death on Thursday of last week at her home in Hiram of Mrs. Jessie Brown Pounds, famous hymn writer, and author of the nationally known hymn, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," which has been a source of solace to many mourning hearts, will be regretted by many people in Medina, where the talented woman was very well known, has many friends and relatives, and where she had often visited and taken part in various church functions.

Cousins of Mrs. Pounds are Scott Bennett, Mrs. Helen Young and Mrs. W. J. Mitchell of Medina, and Mrs. S. H. Hoddinott of Poe.

Funeral services were held at the home in Hiram on Sunday, and the song which made the woman famous, and which was sung at the funeral of President McKinley, will be rendered at the obsequies of its author.

Mrs. Pounds was widely known as a Christian Endeavor worker and hymn writer, when as Jessie Brown she lived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holland Brown in Cleveland. She conducted the family page of the Christian Standard, Cincinnati, was on the staff of the Christian Century in St. Louis, and wrote many juvenile books of which "Roderick Wayne" is perhaps best known.

Of the 600 hymns to her credit the most universally sung, next to the "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," is "The Way of the Cross Lies Home."

On her marriage to Rev. John E. Pounds in 1897 she went to Indianapolis, Ind., and later settled in Hiram, where Mr. Pounds is pastor of the Christian church and a trustee of Hiram college.

MAN ARRESTED FOR

FRIGHTENING WOMEN

A stranger giving his name as Frank Meyer was picked up in Brunswick Tuesday afternoon by Sheriff Bigelow and Deputy Smolk, it having been charged against him that he had intimidated two women and attempted to force entrance to their homes.

Meyer is small of stature, of weak physical appearance, and ekes out a living, ostensibly, by odd jobs of soldiering, he having a kit for this work when arrested.

Mrs. Wm. Fordham states that her attention was directed to a noise on her porch Tuesday afternoon, and she went to a window to see who was there.

As she did so Meyer peered through the window, which frightened her. Mrs. Fordham hurried to the phone to notify her husband and while doing so Meyer attempted to force his way through the door. He finally desisted, however, and as he was walking away Mr. Fordham appeared and asked him what he was doing, to which Meyer replied that it was none of his business, and passed on down the street.

Later Mrs. Wm. Schafer reported a similar experience as Mrs. Fordham, whereupon Mr. Fordham, later joined by Budd Sanford, went after Meyer. The latter refused to discuss the affair and as the men approached him he threatened them with a stick of solder, and Sanford knocked him down.

Meyer was taken back to Brunswick Center and held for the arrival of the officers. He had \$350 in money on his person when searched.

There is nothing vicious in the appearance of the man, unless it be a three or four days' growth of whiskers, and he had a razor with him for the removal of these.

RELIEF FUND QUOTA TOPS \$4,000 MARK

ACTIVITY REPORTED IN MANY TOWNSHIPS

York Heads List for Divisions With Smaller Populations—Wadsworth, Starting Late, is Making Up for Lost Time.

The funds already secured in Medina county for the Hoover Commission on European Relief have topped the \$4,000 mark and are on the rapid increase. Just a few townships are still inactive. This is due to the fact that local people with energy enough to see through a canvass have not been found. In every case without exception where a reasonable canvass has been made the funds are in hand. Several townships have already cleaned up.

The present reports are as follows: Hincley has already turned in funds to care for twenty children and has more on the way. The Hincley committee hopes to finish up as soon as the roads will permit.

Granger has made no report, but Chairman Harry Coddington assures us that the work is on and the cash is coming.

Sharon has already cared for 28 children and has one route still to canvass when well-known Sharon mud is a little less in evidence. Sharon will probably care for another five or 10 children.

Wadsworth is hot on the trail, with Will Bolick as chairman and six women's organizations doing the canvassing. While only an amount to care for three children has actually been turned in, many times this has already been raised and within a week or ten days Wadsworth expects to be able to foot the bill for at least 300 of the little sufferers.

Brunswick, while much of the territory is still unworked, has already cared for 10 children.

Medina has completed its canvass except for a few odds and ends and has been able to care for at least 250 children.

Montville to date has turned in enough to care for 12 children. Indications are that the canvass there is completed. This small amount indicated that many Montville people have not participated; there is still a chance.

Gulford has reported to date only enough for six children, but no systematic canvass has been made yet, or if it has been made the results have not been reported to the county treasurer of the fund.

Liverpool is also struggling with bad roads and has reported only enough for the care of four children, but Chairman Sailer says there is much more on the way. Liverpool people have also given liberally thru their churches to other relief work.

York tops the list for the townships with smaller population. The York committee, under the leadership of Chris Bohley, has already cared for over 40 children and more money is still coming in. This shows what can be done despite all mud roads when a local committee gets busy on a real canvass. The committee who did the job in York are C. G. Bohley, chairman; Homer B. Wood, Mrs. G. A. Hindman, R. A. Lance, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Swartz, C. E. Dickerman, Kathleen Neufeld and Halie Manning.

Lafayette has reported but enough to care for one child. The local chairman, R. I. Bostwick, having left the state, it is up to somebody else to roll up their sleeves and get busy on a real canvass. The committee who did the job in York are C. G. Bohley, chairman; Homer B. Wood, Mrs. G. A. Hindman, R. A. Lance, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Swartz, C. E. Dickerman, Kathleen Neufeld and Halie Manning.

Westfield has not made an official report, but has already sent direct more than enough to care for 34 children. Chairman Fred Eastman will have a full report in the near future and there is no doubt but that it will be a good one.

Litchfield has reported nothing. Chatham is also on the missing list to date.

Harrisville is still trying to decide who will do the work and only enough money to care for eight children has been reported. Lodi can be counted on for her share and more as soon as a canvass is made.

Spencer is on the job and has already in hand enough to care for some 10 children. Chairman Wolf reports that next week ought to clear up a fine sum in Spencer and they may take the laurels away from York if they really get to work.

Homer has made no report.

TRIPPED ON UMBRELLA

WOMAN BREAKS LIMB

Mrs. Sarah Pritchard met with a painful accident last Sunday at her home, 203 North Court street, which will confine her to her bed for some time.

Mrs. Pritchard was preparing to go to church and just was about to leave her room, when the end of her umbrella caught between her ankles, tripping her and she fell, breaking one of her limbs near the hip.

The door to Mrs. Pritchard's room had not been unlocked and her sister, Mrs. L. W. Hamerschmidt, who heard Mrs. Pritchard fall and call for assistance, was compelled to force her way into the room.

Mrs. H. P. H. Robinson and C. D. Freeman reduced the fracture and report the injured woman resting as comfortably as possible considering the grave character of the injury.

COUNTY TEACHERS MEET HERE TODAY

ANNUAL RALLY FOR INTEREST PROMOTION

Noted Educators, Among Them W.S. Edmunds, Formerly of Medina, to Bring Live Messages—Kiwanis Club to Entertain.

From reports he has received from all parts of the county the past week, County Supt. C. B. Uley says he expects a very large attendance at the annual Educational Rally in Medina today, Friday.

This educational rally is in line with a state law providing that once a year a meeting of boards of education be held in the interest of matters relating to the schools of the county district.

The rally was set to begin Thursday night at the Congregational church, with a program particularly of interest to the general Medina public, consisting of motion pictures and an illustrated lecture by H. W. Karr of Dayton; an address directed to high school pupils and parents, by Vernon M. Riegel, State Supt. of Instruction, and an address by Walter S. Edmunds, superintendent of the Sandusky schools, formerly of Medina.

Today's sessions will be held at the Princess theater. J. C. Muerman, Specialist in Rural Education, Washington, D. C.; Edith McClure Patterson of Chicago, and Mr. Riegel will feature on the day program. C. E. Green of Marion will present by demonstration with some of his pupils the possibilities of supervision of music in rural schools. While these meetings have been arranged to interest members of boards of education and teachers, it is hoped many parents from town and country will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend. It is only with difficulty that this variation of program is arranged at this time. Practically every school in the county will be closed Friday. The Medina schools will close at noon.

At noon today the speakers and visiting teachers will be guests of the Kiwanis club at luncheon, at which time brief talks will be given by Messrs. Muerman and Riegel.

DEATH COMES TO MRS. J. L. WRIGHT

PASSES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER IN AKRON

Had Resided in Medina Village Many Years, and in the County All Her Life—Funeral Services Today, Friday.

Her many friends in Medina, where she had resided for a great many years, and where she enjoyed the esteem and respect of all who knew her, will be sorrowed to learn of the death of Mrs. Jane L. Wright, which occurred on Wednesday of this week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Miller, in Akron, where Mrs. Wright had been spending the winter.

Mrs. Wright was a native of Litchfield township, this county, where she was born 67 years ago. She became the wife of Wm. H. Wright, and to them were born three children—Ralph, Mrs. M. O. Perkins of Weymouth and Mrs. Raymond Miller of Akron.

The deceased was a woman of kindly nature, a consistent Christian, and devoted member of the Medina Baptist church.

Funeral services will be held from the Baptist church this morning, Friday, at 10:30 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. Irwin.

FLOOR GIVES WAY WITH CROWD AT PUBLIC SALE

Consternation prevailed for a while at the public sale on the C. E. Lance farm in Lafayette last week, when the floor in the house suddenly gave way, precipitating the buyers, about 40 in number, together with the auctioneer, clerks and articles for sale, into the basement. Those who were there state that there was no gradual settling of the floor before it gave way, but that it seemed to drop like a trap door. At first it was thought that many had been injured, if not killed, but when the excitement subsided and one by one crawled out from under the mixture of chairs, crocks, chromes, and "other articles too numerous to mention," it was discovered that, aside from a few minor scratches and bruises, no one was worse for the tumble. Paul Anderson of Medina was one of those who made the quick descent and was slightly bruised.

FAR MBUREAU PLANS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

A systematic campaign to collect dues and gain additional membership for the Medina County Farm Bureau has been planned, and a meeting of township managers will be held at the Farm Bureau office, this afternoon, Friday, at 1 o'clock, to arrange the details of the drive.

Mr. S. B. Stoddard has been selected as campaign manager, and every farmer who has not joined or who has not paid his dues will be seen during the week of March 14.

THREE COMMITTED TO REFORMATORY

One Convicted at Trial, Other Two Plead Guilty

A special session of common pleas court was held last Friday morning to dispose of the cases of the State of Ohio against Nick Causman, John Kadrick, (alias Kallen) and Joe Smith under indictment for burglary and larceny and carrying concealed weapons.

The youths are alleged to have robbed and burglarized the South End hardware store in Wadsworth on the night of Nov. 22 of last year. They were arrested two days afterward in Wadsworth, on the person of Causman of which was found a revolver which was identified as one taken from the hardware store. Causman claimed that he had purchased it of a stranger.

Friday morning Judge N. H. McClure imposed an indeterminate sentence of from one to fifteen years in the Mansfield reformatory, together with the court costs, on Causman, and like sentences on Kadrick and Smith following their change of plea from not guilty to guilty.

At the request of Arthur VanEpp, counsel for the defense, Prosecuting Attorney Seymour consented that the charge of carrying concealed weapons, in each of the three cases, be nolle.

When asked by the court if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon him, Kadrick replied that he still maintained he was innocent of the crime for which he was charged, and had changed his plea believing that he would gain nothing by a trial. He also asked the court to enter on the record his correct name, Kadrick, instead of Kallen, which was done.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SOUNDS DEEP NOTE

The twelfth annual Older Boys' Christian Conference held here last Saturday was counted a success. The total registration and expected attendance of from 175 to 200 boys was cut down to about one-third that number, owing to bad roads and sugar-making time, but those present represented seven townships and came for the entire conference. Brunswick, Medina, Montville, Guilford, Liverpool, Lafayette and Westfield had representatives at the sessions. Hincley, Granger, Sharon, Wadsworth, Litchfield and Harrisville had delegations lined up, but were unable to reach Medina on account of the condition of the roads. The record delegation was from Leroy, as Westfield township sent 18 boys and two leaders. The Victory Banner was awarded to Leroy.

The Conference theme, "Christian Citizenship," was the keynote of every session. Ivan Overs of Westfield township, vice president elected at the eleventh conference held last year in Seville, presided at the opening session Saturday morning. Following the opening song session an impressive devotional period was led by Rev. Russell C. Caulk, following the subject, "Jesus Calls the Older Boys to Christian Citizenship." An address by M. D. Crackle on "Present Conditions and Older Boys" followed. Mr. Crackle, the Executive Secretary of the West Side Y.M.C.A., Cleveland, is a favorite in Medina and as usual had a very challenging talk for the conference.

At the business session just before noon committees were appointed and officers elected. The officers for the coming year are as follows: Edwin Howe, president; Norman Day, vice pres.; Willard Roby, secretary. The conference picture was taken on the court house steps at noon. A picnic lunch was served by girls from M. H. S. immediately following the picture.

A feature of the afternoon session following the devotional period led by Mr. Caulk, was an hour and a half on workable activities for local older boys groups. Mr. Clive McGuire of Columbus, led in this discussion and demonstration. The adult leaders held a luncheon conference with Will G. Cartlich, also of Columbus. This period was given over to the place and work of an adult leader of a group of boys. The program for the coming year's work in the local Y.M.C.A. groups is more extensive and calls for more work from every leader.

A six o'clock banquet was served by the ladies of the Congregational church. Music was furnished by the Y.M.C.A. orchestra, responses were given by every delegation present, and after-dinner toasts by Mr. McGuire, Mr. Cartlich, Mr. Crackle and Mr. F. H. Hawley. Edwin Howe, the new president, presided.

The closing session of the conference, immediately following the banquet was a very impressive one. Mr. Cartlich led the devotional period along the line of "Living Principles," and Mr. Crackle gave the closing address on "The Value of an Older Boy to His Community." Mr. C. H. Dannon of Brunswick presented the Victory Banner to the Westfield delegation. All those present felt that the conference, though not large in numbers, was one of the most effective held here for some time.

WADSWORTH MAN DEAD

D. B. Kreider, 75, well-known citizen of Wadsworth, died there last Friday, of pneumonia, at the home of his son, Clarence Kreider. Another son, Fred Kreider, resides in Barborton, and one daughter, Mrs. Ellis Long of Wadsworth, and one brother, William Kreider, survive.

PASSING OF AGED MEDINA WOMAN

MRS. H. M. GOODWIN DIES IN 86th YEAR

She Had Resided in This Village Since Early Girlhood, and Enjoyed the Esteem and Affection of Many Friends.

Mrs. Harriett M. Goodwin, one of the oldest women in Medina, also one of the oldest residents of the village, passed from life last Friday morning, March 4, at her home, 213 W. Washington street, at the ripe old age of 85 years. Death was due largely to the natural infirmities of age, tho she had been subject to asthma and bronchial trouble for a great many years, which doubtless hastened to some extent the end.

The deceased was a native of Vermont, daughter of John and Phoebe Morse Downing, and was born Aug. 22, 1835. At a very early age the family came to Medina, where the subject of this sketch had ever since resided.

She was twice married. Her first husband was Festus G. Tylee, who died while serving his country in the War of the Sections. A son, Eugene, born to this union, became the father of Miss Lena Tylee, a present resident of Medina.

Some years later a marriage was solemnized with Charles Goodwin, to which union were born two sons, Don A. and Floyd A., both residing in Akron.

Mrs. Goodwin was a Christian woman, a devoted member of the Methodist church, and esteemed and beloved by a wide circle of relatives and friends, by whom she will be missed, as well as by her neighbors, who came to know more intimately the native excellence of this good woman.

A brief funeral service was held at the home last Saturday, conducted by Rev. W. H. Bryenton of the Methodist church, following which the body was placed in the chapel at Spring Grove cemetery, to await the arrival of the son, Don, who was in California at the time of his mother's death. He was expected to arrive in Medina on Thursday or Friday of this week, when another service will be held at the cemetery chapel.

RUBBER MACHINERY ON WAY TO MEDINA

The machinery for the power plant of the new rubber factory has been purchased and Supt. J. A. Hopkins was in Greenburg, Pa., the forepart of the week superintending its shipment to Medina. Several other pieces of machinery equipment for the new factory have also been purchased at Waynesburg, Pa., and will arrive here soon.

Officials of the company state that they have purposely delayed ordering machinery, as by doing so they have been able to save many hundreds of dollars over first quoted prices.

Contract for the stucco work for the factory building was awarded last week to Grim Bros. of Medina, bids having been received for this work from Youngstown, Akron, Wooster, and other points. Rock finish stucco is the material to be used and Grim Bros. have promised to do a high class piece of work.

BANKERS OF COUNTY TO MEET HERE NEXT WEEK

A special meeting of the Medina County Bankers' association, which was organized about a month ago, will be held in Medina on Tuesday afternoon of next week, March 15, at the County Farm Bureau office.

The meeting has been called for the purpose of acquainting more fully the banking fraternity of the county with the object and workings of the Farm Bureau, with the view thereby of eliciting their support and co-operation to a greater degree than heretofore.

The meeting will be addressed by Mr. Murray Lincoln, executive secretary of the State Farm Federation, himself a banker, having formerly been associated with the Society for Savings institution in Cleveland, of which former Governor Myron T. Herrick is president.

NURSE REPORTS MANY DEFECTIVE CHILDREN

County Nurse Constance Hanna, who has been conducting physical examinations in the schools of the county for several weeks submits the following report of this work for the months of January and February:

Children examined, 559. Defective vision, 123; defective hearing, 9; defective teeth, 324; enlarged tonsils, 197; mouth breathers, 208; skin diseases, 11; other defects 24. About 45 per cent. of children were found to be underweight.

This report includes Leroy, Litchfield, York, Homerville and Lodi children.

DEATH OF YORK MAN

Godfried Schultheis, aged resident of York township, died on Wednesday afternoon of this week, at the age of 70 years, and on the anniversary of his birth, March 9, 1851. The deceased was a native of Germany, but had resided in this country a great many years. Funeral services will be held on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, at St. Martin's Catholic church, Valley City, and burial made in the church cemetery.